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Title : SURVIVABLE AND SCALABLE DATA SYSTEM
AND METHOD FOR COMPUTER NETWORKS

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Examiner : Kupstas, Tod

Docket No. : 1177

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits herewith, in triplicate, a Supplemental Appeal Brief in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.193(b)(2) and hereby requests reinstatement of the appeal.

This Supplemental Appeal Brief is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on August 28, 2003. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is also enclosed.

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